



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Calmer, Marion	)	
	)	Examiner: Alicia Torres
Serial No.: 10,726,348	)	
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Filed: 12/03/2003	)	Art Unit: 3671
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For: Stalk Reduction Shear Reduction	)	

Dear Madam Examiner:

This amendment is in response to the first office action issued by Examiner and mailed on March 14, 2005.

Regarding Examiner's objections as to applicant's specification, Applicant requests the examiner remove the sentences found at page 11, lines 19-22 and substitute with the following:

Figure 7 shows the side view of the improved row unit 90 powered by a gearbox 160. As the stalk rolls 190 rotate, the flutes 180 on the stalk rolls 190 contact the sidewalls of the lower portion of the corn plant stalk 330 and upper portion of the corn plant stalk 325 downward.

Regarding Examiner's objections as to applicant's drawings, Applicant submits herein a substitute Figure 10 showing the required lead line from reference 130. The substituted Figure 10 has been labeled "Replacement Sheet".

Regarding Examiner's objections regarding claims 1, 11 and 22 based on applicant's errant use of "compromising" versus the intended term "comprising" has been corrected on the new listing of claims as submitted. Additionally, applicant has